

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Referring now to FIG. 2, a flow diagram 40 of a method for automatic operating systems upgrade according to one embodiment of the present disclosure is shown. According to the embodiment, a target system user begins the upgrade preparation process at Step 42 by inserting the ~~upgrade tools~~ media CD 30 into the CD ROM drive 24 on the target system 10 (FIGs 1 and 2). An upgrade tools CD program on media 30 starts either by an auto-run mechanism or by manually starting the CD program.

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If the process in Step 66 has uncovered one or more software applications that need to be uninstalled, the pretool is configured to bring up a dialog box listing the one or more software applications needing attention. The dialog box allows the user to initiate an automatic un-installation of the respective software applications in Step 68. If the process in step 66 ~~uncovered~~ uncovers no software applications to be uninstalled, then the process continues to Step 70.

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If, based upon information obtained during the preparation, the BIOS is scheduled to be upgraded, then an upgrade of the BIOS is started automatically prior to the ending of the upgrade CD preparation program in Step 72. Subsequent

AC to the ending of the upgrade CD preparation program in Step 72, the target system is then rebooted.

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AC The display screen view 80 of FIG. 3 also includes a listing of the various steps in the upgrade process, as indicated generally by the reference numeral 98. The may include, for example: 1) locate the printed instructions, 2) run the pretool, 3) upgrade the BIOS, 4) upgrade the operating system, 5) reinstall software, and 6) upgrade/subscribedsubscribe to an online service provider. The display screen view 80 is exemplary of providing a user interface display page, the user interface display page outlining step-by-step upgrade instructions, and the instructions including at least one user-selectable option to continue with the upgrade preparation. That is, steps 1), 2), 3), 4), 5), and 6) can include user selectable options.

AC Page 11, line 3 to ~~page 11, line 9.~~

AC The upgrade utility CD program also copies enhanced feature drivers to the target computer system makes any necessary registry changes to point the new operating system to the enhanced feature drivers, instead of the new operating system pointing to the native supported drivers. Accordingly, a target computer system user does not need to be concerned with installing any drivers or even having to know what drivers should be installed, since because the upgrade utility CD program addresses that concern.

AC Page 12, line 6 to ~~page 12, line 10.~~

AC First, the upgrade preparation program determines the system identification of the target computer system. The upgrade preparation program uses the system

identification to determine whether the new operating system supports the target computer system. In other words, the system identification is required to decide whether or the not the target computer system is supported on the upgrade path.

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In a next step, the upgrade preparation program performs a scan for all drivers on the target computer system. Any additional required drivers will subsequently be downloaded to the target system hard drive per system ID, further for the drivers to be installed after loading of the new operating system.

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Lastly, the upgrade preparation program scans for factory-installed software that are incompatible with the new operating system. In response to identifying incompatible factory-installed software, the upgrade preparation program prompts the target system user for approval to uninstall the incompatible software. Responsive to an approval, the upgrade preparation program automatically uninstalls the incompatible software. Responsive to a denial, the upgrade preparation program advances advances to the next step without removing the incompatible software.

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One feature of the method of the present embodiments is to willingly, and in a controlled fashion, change the software configuration of a target computer system in an operating system upgrade. Accordingly, the method of the present disclosures enables automatic upgrading of the target computer system with an outdated operating system to a newer version operating system.

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A method for an automated operating system upgrade in an information handling system, from an older version to a newer version, is disclosed. The method includes including initiating a preparation for the upgrade from an operating system upgrade preparation media. An eligibility of the information handling system for upgrade in response to the preparation is determined. Lastly, the The upgrade proceeds in response to an eligibility determination, otherwise upgrade preparation is terminated.

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